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2 An act relating to research and development
3 authorities; amending s. 159.703, F.S.;
4 deleting requirements relating to membership of
5 an authority affiliated with the National High
6 Magnetic Field Laboratory; providing an
7 effective date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 159.703, Florida
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 159.703 Creation of research and development
14 authorities.--

15 (3) The resolution shall designate not less than five
16 persons who are residents and electors of, or have their
17 principal place of employment in, the county as members of the
18 authority created for said county. Of the members first
19 appointed, one shall serve for 1 year, one for 2 years, one
20 for 3 years, and the remainder for 4 years and in each case
21 until his or her successor is appointed and has qualified.
22 Thereafter, the board shall appoint for terms of 4 years each
23 a member or members to succeed those whose terms expire,
24 ~~except that with respect to an authority that owns, occupies,~~
25 ~~or maintains a research development park, as defined in s.~~
26 ~~159.27(7), within which is located a substantial capital~~
27 ~~project that is funded in whole or in part by the state, and~~
28 ~~is a part of or directly affiliated with the National High~~
29 ~~Magnetic Field Laboratory, the first two such vacancies that~~
30 ~~occur on or after July 1, 1991, shall not be filled. In~~
31 addition to the other members, the president of each

1 affiliated institution of higher education, or the president's
2 designee, shall be a member of the authority and shall serve
3 ~~ex officio; provided, further, that with respect to an~~
4 ~~authority that owns, occupies, or maintains a research~~
5 ~~development park, as defined in s. 159.27(7), within which is~~
6 ~~located a substantial capital project that is funded in whole~~
7 ~~or in part by the state, and is a part of or directly~~
8 ~~affiliated with the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory,~~
9 ~~the Chancellor of the State University System or the~~
10 ~~Chancellor's designee, the Director of the National High~~
11 ~~Magnetic Field Laboratory or the director's designee, one~~
12 ~~resident of the county in which the research development park~~
13 ~~is located appointed by the President of the Senate to serve~~
14 ~~at the pleasure of the President of the Senate, and one~~
15 ~~resident of the county in which the research development park~~
16 ~~is located appointed by the Speaker of the House of~~
17 ~~Representatives to serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the~~
18 ~~House of Representatives shall be members of the authority and~~
19 ~~shall serve ex officio.~~ Except as to members who serve ex
20 officio, the board shall fill any vacancy for an unexpired
21 term. A member of the authority shall be eligible for
22 reappointment. Any member of the authority may be removed by
23 the board for misfeasance, malfeasance, or willful neglect of
24 duty. Each member of the authority before entering upon his
25 or her duties shall take and subscribe the oath or affirmation
26 required by the State Constitution. A record of each such
27 oath shall be filed with the Department of State and with the
28 clerk of the circuit court.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.
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